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SUBJECT: LAW OF SEA PRE-CONFERENCE IN PORT MORESBY

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 0099 (NOTAL)

--- B. PORT MORESBY 0095 (NOTAL)

CINCPACREP PASS HICOM AND STATUS LNO SAIPAN

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INFORMALLY APPROACHED DEPARTMENT ON
JANUARY 29 AND, AT REQUEST OF GPNG, SOUGHT USG REACTION TO
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GPNG PLAN TO INVITE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO INFORMAL MEET

ING TO BE HELD IN PORT MORESBY ON MARCH 4-5 TO DISCUSS LAW OF SEA MATTERS OF REGIONAL INTEREST. WE WERE TOLD THAT PNG ALSO PROPOSED TO INVITE AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA, NIUE, THE TOKELAUS, COOK ISLANDS AND BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROECTORATE, AND THAT PNG REPS HAD RAISED SUBJECT WITH AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI AND SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND HAD RECEIVED POSITIVE RESPONSES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY QUERY, WE ADVISED THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTION TO GPNG INVITATION TO MICRONESIAN DELEGATION.

3. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, MICRONESIA DELEGATION DOES NOT INTEND TO LOOK TO AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY FOR ANY SUBSTANTIVE BACKSTOPPING. PLEASE NOTE STATE 215723, WHICH WE ARE RETRANSMITTING FOR YOUR BACKGROUND.

4. SUBJECT TO VIEWS OF STATUS LNO REQUESTED BELOW, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR TTPI FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY TO MEET MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ON ARRIVAL, ASSIST IN SCHEDULING OFFICIAL CALLS AND FACILITATE VISIT IN GENERAL. AMCONSUL SHOULD ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON OFFICIAL CALLS IF FEASIBLE.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION AMCONSUL CAN PROVIDE ON PROCEEDINGS AND OUTCOME OF MARCH 4-5 LOS CONFERENCE INCLUDING POSITIONS TAKEN BY MICRONESIAN DELEGATION. HOWEVER, AMCONSUL SHOULD NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE AND SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO REPLY TO ANY QUERIES RE US POSITION ON LOS ISSUES BEYOND FURNISHING US DOCUMENTS PACKAGE FROM CARACAS SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU. IF ASKED BY MEMBERS OF FOREIGN DELEGATIONS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION YOU SHOULD REFER THEM TO JOHN NORTON MOORE, DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE LOS CONFERENCE, D/LOS, WASH., D. C.

6. FOR STATUS LNO SAIPAN: REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HAS RECEIVED PNG INVITATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PLANS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, PLEASE INFORM DELEGATIONS OF AMCONSUL PORT MORESBY WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATION VISIT TO PORT MORESBY FOR THIS CONFERENCE, IN LINE WITH U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR TTPI FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY INFORM DELEGATION OF PNG QUERY AND OF OUR RESPONSE THAT USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ATTENDING CONFERENCE. REQUEST YOU CABLE PORT

MORESBY, INFO DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF
DELEGATION, ITINERARY INCLUDING ETA PORT MORESBY, AND
TYPES OF ASSISTANCE DESIRED. PLEASE GIVE PORT MORESBY
ANY RECOMMENDATIONS YOU BELIEVE WOULD BE HELPFUL RE
HANDLING OF VISIT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ON POSITIONS MICRONESIAN
DELEGATION LIKELY TO TAKE ON LOS ISSUES. INGERSOLL

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